

F. G. HITCHCOCK



1888—Feb. 18—Born at Lawrenceville, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

1896—Moved to Tupper Lake, N. Y., a lumber town in Adirondack Mountains.

1894-1903—School and High School at Lawrenceville and Tupper Lake. During the last three years of this period, spent the summers working in the lumber mills.

1903-1904—Employed one year in woolen mill at New Bedford, Mass. September, 1904, entered St. Lawrence University at Canton, N. Y. Was graduated with Bachelor of Science degree in 1908. Specialized in the study of electricity during the last two years at St. Lawrence University.

1905-1906—Summer of 1905 worked in a lumber mill at Canton, N. Y. Summer of 1906, with a number of other students, waited on table in a fashionable summer hotel at Thousand Islands.

1907-1908—Summers of 1907 and 1908 carried express, mail and baggage by motor boat to Whitelaw Reid, the Vanderbilts and other plutocrats on Upper St. Regis Lake, in the Adirondacks. September, 1908, went to work for National Biscuit Co., 15th St., New York. Sat on a high stool all day writing invoices at \$10.00 per week.

1909—February 23, 1909, went to work for S. S. Kresge Co., in store No. 30, Paterson, N. J. In Paterson store five months, then six weeks at old No. 16, 125th St., New York, and from there to No. 15, Albany. Remained in Albany store until March, 1910, under management of G. G. Fisher. Was in charge of this store six weeks during Mr. Fisher's illness with appendicitis.

1910—March, 1910, took charge of store No. 49, Lynn, Mass., and managed same two years.

1912—Married Miss Velma Stevens of Lynn.

1912-1913-1914—Superintendent of New England stores.

1914—November, came to Detroit as Buyer. Have two daughters.

E. A. KERSTEN



1881—Born at Stendal, Germany.

1887-1899—Attended various schools.

1899-1901—Attended University at Berlin.

1901-1902—Worked in my father's "Specialty" Store, 5, 10, 25, 50 and \$1.00 merchandise.

1902—Entered the lumber business.

1903—First travel to Russia and India on a buying trip.

1903-1907—Worked for British Admiralty buying and shipping lumber from Russia, India and Africa to England.

1907—Went to Canada for British Lumber Interest.

1907—Entered United States.

1908-1909—Attended Business College at Lockport, N. Y.

1909-1910—Worked in Export Office of Automobile Factory at Detroit, Michigan.

1911—Entered service of S. S. Kresge Company, Import Department.

1914—Went to Europe for S. S. Kresge Company.

1915—Married Elvoretta Lampman of Hamilton, Ont.

1919—Went to Europe for S. S. Kresge Company.